

REMARKS

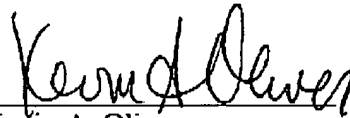
This Amendment and Response is filed in reply to the Office Action dated October 1, 2003. In this Response, Applicant cancels claims 21-47, without prejudice. Applicant's cancellation should not be construed to be an acquiescence to Examiner's rejections, but rather an action taken to expedite prosecution of the present application. Accordingly, Applicant reserves the right to prosecute the same or similar claims in another application.

Because Applicant cancels all claims except for allowable claims 1-8 and 10-20, Applicant traverses the Examiner's rejections of all pending claims and considers the present application to be in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

Applicants consider the Response herein to be fully responsive to the referenced Office Action. Based on the above Remarks, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, allowance is requested. If there are any remaining issues or the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation with Applicants' attorney would be helpful in expediting the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at 617-832-1241.

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